

# YOUR CHURCH WEDDING



You're Engaged!
Congratulations
to you both

At St Martin's Church we can help make your wedding and the start of your married life together, extra special.



# **JUST ASK**

Getting married in church can be a great joy. We would be delighted to talk to you about a church wedding.

You don't need to be a regular churchgoer to have a church wedding. We will welcome you before and after your marriage.

You can get married here if:

One of you lives in the parish, or is on the electoral roll

One of you has at any times lived in the parish for 6 months+, or has regularly attended worship here for 6 months+

One of you was christened / baptised, or prepared for confirmation in the parish

One of your parents has lived in the parish for 6 months+, or has regularly attended worship here for 6 months+

Either your parents or grandparents were married at St Martin's

If none of the above applies, please come and have a chat with me. I'd love to meet you.

St Martin's is your church and we welcome you both. It will always be there for you, in the months and years to come.

Renos Pittarides Rector of East Horsley



## YOUR WEDDING SERVICE

Guests, attendants, dresses, suits, menus and invites are all important aspects of your day but actually getting married is the basis for it all.

The legalities of the service are important of course, but spirituality is the reason why there is still a place for church weddings in today's modern marriages:



By seeking God's blessing for your life together in church, you recognize that he will support and help sustain your marriage during the years to come.

Making promises to each other in a hallowed place surrounded by your friends and family gives your wedding even more significance.

Our ancient, beautiful buildings give a sense of history and a path well trodden by many, many others.

Familiar wedding rituals of 'bride to the left, groom to the right' and walking down the aisle come alive in their original setting.

Choir, organ and bell ringing add to the sense of occasion.



## IT REALLY IS YOURS

All church weddings will feel traditional in some ways because of the layout of the service and the building itself. But you can put your own personal touches into it.

Like the marriage going forward, the wedding is yours too. At St Martin's we understand that. We encourage you to put your own 'stamp' on your service so that it feels tailored for you both. You can choose:

Your best-loved **music and hymns** - we have an experienced choir supported by a professional organist / pianist, or you may prefer to bring your own musicians.

Your **readings and /or poems** – as well as a reading from the Bible you could have a family favourite or one which reminds you of your relationship. We can of course help you choose.

Your **guests** - we can seat up to 200 people so you can invite as many or as few as you would like.

Your **photos and film** - we help your photographer gets the memory shots you want without interrupting your service.





Making a booking - The Rector will arrange to meet you to book your wedding, chat over the detail and answer all your questions. He'll then invite you to a Marriage Preparation event so that you can meet other couples getting married at St Martin's and share ideas and hear about Christian marriage.

Date & time - we regularly perform weddings on all days of the week and will always try to fit in with your plans. However, we're a popular venue, so please try and give us as much notice as possible.

Car parking - although we don't have our own car park, there is plenty of nearby street parking. Alternatively, if your Reception will be at Horsley Towers or Thatcher's, we are within easy walking distance of both venues.

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If you'd like to take a closer look at St Martin's, why not come to one of our regular services to see the church in use.

# **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**08:00 Holy Communion**—Start the day with a said Holy Communion Service. We use the liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer.

10:30 Parish Communion with "Smarties" Children's Church.

10:30 Family Service—The 1st Sunday of the month. An informal service often with puppets and a talk for all the family. Music ranges from hymns to lively contemporary worship songs.

# WEDNESDAY SERVICE

**10:00 Holy Communion.** A very popular mid-week service which takes place in the side chapel in the round.

# **SATURDAY SERVICE**

**08:45 Morning Prayer.** A short service of prayer using Common Worship Daily Prayer.

# **ST MARTIN'S COMMUNITY HALL, FOREST ROAD**

**09:00 Holy Communion.** 2nd and 4th Sundays. A traditional service of Holy Communion with hymns in an informal setting.

# HOW TO FIND US



